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Education

Ph.D. in Biostatistics (with concentration in Stat. Comp.) University of Southern California (2020). Dissertation “*Essays on Bioinformatics and Social Network Analysis: Statistical and Computational Methods for Complex Systems*”

M.Sc. in Social Sciences (Economics) California Institute of Technology (2016)

Master in Economics and Public Policy, Adolfo Ibáñez University (2011)

BS. in Social Sciences and BS. in Business Administration, Adolfo Ibáñez University (2010)

Professional Experience

University of Southern California, 2015–present Department of Preventive Medicine *Research Programmer*. A senior staff member at USC’s Department of Preventive Medicine, I work closely with both staff and students on various scientific projects. My responsibilities included: implement statistical methods using R/C++, analyze complex data using USC’s High-Performance Computing cluster, conducting training sessions on statistical computing, and writing scientific papers.

Chilean Pension Supervisor, August 2011– August 2014 Research Division *Analyst*. Statistical and econometric analysis on the Chilean unemployment insurance, statistical software development, serving as a bridge between the IT and Research divisions.

Nodos Chile Social Network Analysis Ltda., January 2012–January 2014 *Partner*. Founding partner of one of the first applied SNA Consultancy Entrepreneurship in Chile.

Adolfo Ibáñez University, January 2011–June 2012. School of Government *Adjunct Professor*. Taught Introductory courses of Economics, Microeconomics and Statistical computing with Stata.

Chilean Ministry of Social Planning, March 2011–December 2011. Social Programs Monitoring *Analyst*. Survey and Analysis of the Government social programs supply and supporting the Monitoring Division with the Open-Data Initiative.

Software

R, C++, \LaTeX , SQL, XML, regex, Stata+Mata, VBA, Gephi, Pajek, Mathematica, MS Suit, git, unix

Selected Publications and Work in progress

- [1] Thomas W. Valente and **George G. Vega Yon**. “Diffusion/Contagion Processes on Social Networks”. In: *Health Education & Behavior* (Feb. 2020), p. 109019812090149. URL: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1090198120901497>.

- [2] **George G. Vega Yon** and Kayla de la Haye. *ergmito: Exponential Random Graph Models for Small Networks*. Feb. 2020. URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=ergmito>.
- [3] **George G. Vega Yon**, Andrew Slaughter, and Kayla de la Haye. “Exponential Random Graph models for Little Networks”. In: *Social Networks* (July 2020). URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.10406>. Forthcoming.
- [4] **George G. Vega Yon**, Duncan C. Thomas, John Morrison, et al. “On the automatic annotation of gene functions using observational data and phylogenetic trees”. In: *bioRxiv* (May 2020). URL: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2020/05/14/2020.05.14.095687>.
- [5] Brooke M. Bell, Donna Spruijt-Metz, **George G. Vega Yon**, et al. “Sensing eating mimicry among family members”. In: *Translational Behavioral Medicine* (2019).
- [6] Kayla de la Haye, Heesung Shin, **George G. Vega Yon**, et al. “Smoking Diffusion through Networks of Diverse, Urban American Adolescents over the High School Period”. In: *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2019).
- [7] Thomas W. Valente, Heather Wipfli, and **George G. Vega Yon**. “Network influences on policy implementation: Evidence from a global health treaty”. In: *Social Science and Medicine* (2019).
- [8] **George G. Vega Yon** and Paul Marjoram. “fmcmm: A friendly MCMC framework”. In: *Journal of Open Source Software* 4.39 (July 2019), p. 1427. URL: <http://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.01427>.
- [9] **George G. Vega Yon** and Paul Marjoram. “slurmR: A lightweight wrapper for HPC with Slurm”. In: *Journal of Open Source Software* 4.39 (July 2019), p. 1493. URL: <https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.01493>.
- [10] **George G. Vega Yon** and Brian Quistorff. “parallel: A command for parallel computing”. In: *The Stata Journal: Promoting communications on statistics and Stata* 19.3 (Sept. 2019), pp. 667–684. URL: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1536867X19874242>.
- [11] Jorge Fábrega Lacoa and **George G. Vega Yon**. “El impacto del rating televisivo sobre la actividad en Twitter: evidencia para Chile sobre la base del evento TELETÓN 2012”. In: *Cuadernos.info* 33 (Dec. 2013), pp. 43–52. URL: <http://cuadernos.info/index.php/CDI/article/view/533>.
- [12] **George G. Vega Yon** and Enyelbert Muñoz. *ABCOptim: Implementation of Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Optimization*. 2013. URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=ABCOptim>.

Honors and Professional Achievements

Book reviewer: “Microeconometrics and Matlab: An Introduction”, by Adams, Clarke and Quinn, Oxford University Press, 2015. “Mastering Gephi Network Visualization”, by Ken Cherven, Packt Publishing, 2015. “Network Graph Analysis and Visualization with Gephi”, by Ken Cherven, Packt Publishing, 2013.

Awards Travel Grant, Society of Young Network Scientist, 2019; Fellowship, California Institute of Technology, 2014; Scholarship, Adolfo Ibáñez University, 2006.

Manuscript reviewer The Official Journal of The Society for Computational Economics, The R Journal, Social Networks, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Journal of Open Source Software, SUNBELT Conference (2016), International Conference on Computational Social Science (2019).

Misc Founder of the [R Users Group in Chile \(2013\)](#), co-organizer of the [East LA R User Group \(LAERUG\)](#).